

Now Mauro takes the (w)hole bag!

An amateur golfer who stunned the South African golf community when he scored three holes-in-one in May, two of them during the same round, had more reason to celebrate when he was rewarded with new equipment from the company whose golf ball he used.

Mauro Netti, a 54-year-old restaurateur in the village of St Francis Bay who plays off a 12 handicap, had a May to remember when he scored his first hole-in-one at the St Francis Links golf course. Netti aced the par-three 14th, holding out with a six iron from 144 metres.

And then three weeks later he aced the par-three seventh using the same six iron and the par-three 17th with a four iron, both during the same round of golf.

He seized a Srixon ball, so the company decided to upgrade his clubs. The Sunshine Tour, South Africa's professional circuit, invited Netti to play in this year's Vodacom Origins of Golf presented by Samsung pro-am tournament at St Francis Links, and he was presented with his new clubs and a Tour bag.

"I can't believe my luck," said Netti. "It's been amazing. I mean, I only started playing golf again last November after giving it up for about 11 years."

Netti's three holes-in-one came on quiet days at the club, so he was largely spared the financial pain of having to buy a round of drinks for everyone in the bar.

"I came in the clubhouse bar but there was only my football and the golf estate CEO Jeff Clauser there. The bill came to R400. But my insurance company paid out R6 000, so I invited everybody to my



restaurant and the guys drank up a storm there."

Netti had no further holes-in-one during the Vodacom tournament, which he was very relieved about.

"I was praying I didn't get another one during this pro-am tournament, because with all these golfers here it would've cost me a fortune in drinks."

Photo: St Francis Bay golfer Mauro Netti with the new golf bag and clubs he received from Srixon after he had three holes-in-one using their golf ball in May, and two of them during the same round. Credit: Heinrich Helmbold

-By Michael Vilmas

Member Guest Invitational at the Links

A wonderful time was had playing golf a St Francis Links by Member Guests.

Here are the results:

1st - Johnny Johnson & Riaan Gous 38, 50, 88

Pool Winner: Jame Snr & Willie Miller

2nd - Ernest Bendeman & Kyle VanAs 33, 53, 86

3rd - Norman Pretorius & Danie Marais: 33, 50, 83,

Longest Walk: Austin Schreiber & Coenie Smith 26, 27, 53

Day 1 Winner John Wilson & Evan Doid 39

Day 2 Winner Ernest Bendeman & Kyle VanAs 53

Photo: Winners Johnny Johnson & Riaan Gous



Foster Golf Day raises R25 000+



Winners of the Foster annual Golf Day were Rex and Mary McGreggor, seen with Leely from the Links.

A wonderful fundraising golf day was held by the environmental group, Foster, at St Francis Links recently. More than R25 000 was raised and the organisation was delighted. A special treat for delighted golfers and guests at prize giving was funny man, aka comedian Nk Rabinowitz, who assisted at the prize giving in the clubhouse (see inset).

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